

CLAIMS

1. An information processing apparatus  
5 comprising:  
a storage unit; and  
a processing part which registers information  
of the information processing apparatus by  
transmitting to a first database of a registration  
10 center when a password input error is detected, and  
stores transmission log information related to a  
transmission to the registration center into said  
storage unit.

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2. The information processing apparatus  
as claimed in claim 1, wherein said processing part  
includes means for transmitting to a second database  
of the registration center if the transmission log  
20 information is stored in said storage unit, and for  
making a system lock with respect to the information  
processing apparatus if the information related to  
the information processing apparatus is registered  
in the first database or the second database.

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3. The information processing apparatus  
as claimed in claim 2, wherein said processing part  
includes means for outputting a warning if the  
30 information related to the information processing  
apparatus is registered in the second database.

4. An information processing apparatus  
35 comprising:  
a processing part which searches a first  
database of a registration center and registers

information related to a predetermined apparatus into a second database of the registration center if the information related to the predetermined apparatus is registered in the first database.

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5. The information processing apparatus as claimed in claim 4, wherein said processing part includes means for deleting the information related to the predetermined apparatus registered in the first database and/or the second database.

6. An information processing apparatus comprising:  
a first database which registers information related to a first apparatus when notified of a password input error at the first apparatus, in response to a transmission from the first apparatus;  
a second database which registers the information of the first apparatus when the information related to the first apparatus is notified from a second apparatus and the information related to the first apparatus is registered in said first database, in response to a transmission from the second apparatus; and  
a processing part which controls registration of information to and deletion of information from said first database and said second database.

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7. The information processing apparatus as claimed in claim 6, wherein said processing part includes means for deleting the information related to the first apparatus from said first database and/or said second database when a request to delete the information related to the first apparatus is

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received with respect to said first database and/or said second database, in response to the transmission from the second apparatus.

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8. An information processing apparatus control method comprising:

10 a step which registers information of an information processing apparatus by transmitting to a first database of a registration center when a password input error is detected at the information processing apparatus, and stores transmission log information related to a transmission to the registration center within the information processing apparatus.

9. The information processing apparatus control method as claimed in claim 8, further comprising:

20 a step which transmits to a second database of the registration center if the transmission log information is stored in the information processing apparatus, and makes a system lock with respect to the information processing apparatus if the information related to the information processing apparatus is registered in the first database or the second database.

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10. The information processing apparatus control method as claimed in claim 9, further comprising:

35 a step which outputs a warning if the information related to the information processing apparatus is registered in the second database.

11. An information processing apparatus control method comprising:

- a step which searches a first database of a registration center and registers information related to a predetermined apparatus into a second database of the registration center if the information related to the predetermined apparatus is registered in the first database.

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12. The information processing apparatus control method as claimed in claim 11, further comprising:

- a step which deletes the information related to the predetermined apparatus registered in the first database and/or the second database.

13. An information processing apparatus control method comprising:

- a step which registers information related to a first apparatus in a first database when notified of a password input error at the first apparatus, in response to a transmission from the first apparatus;
- a step which registers the information of the first apparatus in a second database when the information related to the first apparatus is notified from a second apparatus and the information related to the first apparatus is registered in said first database, in response to a transmission from the second apparatus; and
- a step which controls registration of information to and deletion of information from said first database and said second database.

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14. The information processing apparatus

control method as claimed in claim 13, further comprising:

a step which deletes the information related to the first apparatus from said first database and/or said second database when a request to delete the information related to the first apparatus is received with respect to said first database and/or said second database, in response to the transmission from the second apparatus.

15. The information processing apparatus control method as claimed in any one of claims 8 to 14, which is applied to a control program or an operating system of the information processing apparatus.

16. A computer-readable storage medium which stores a program for causing a computer to control access to a registration center, comprising: means for causing the computer to register information of the computer by transmitting to a first database of the registration center when a password input error is detected, and for causing the computer to store transmission log information related to a transmission to the registration center.

17. The computer-readable storage medium as claimed in claim 16, further comprising: means for causing the computer to transmit to a second database of the registration center if the transmission log information is stored in said storage unit, and for causing the computer to make a system lock with respect to the computer if the information related to the computer is registered in

the first database or the second database.

18. The computer-readable storage medium  
5 as claimed in claim 17, further comprising:  
means for causing the computer to output a  
warning if the information related to the computer  
is registered in the second database.

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19. A computer-readable storage medium  
which stores a program for causing a computer to  
control access to a registration center, comprising:  
means for causing the computer to search a  
15 first database of a registration center and register  
information related to a predetermined apparatus  
into a second database of the registration center if  
the information related to the predetermined  
apparatus is registered in the first database.

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20. The computer-readable storage medium  
as claimed in claim 19, further comprising:  
means for causing the computer to delete the  
25 information related to the predetermined apparatus  
registered in the first database and/or the second  
database.

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21. A computer-readable storage medium  
which stores a program for causing a computer to  
control access to a registration center, comprising:  
means for causing the computer to register  
information related to a first apparatus in a first  
35 database when notified of a password input error at  
the first apparatus, in response to a transmission  
from the first apparatus;

means for causing the computer to register the information of the first apparatus in a second database when the information related to the first apparatus is notified from a second apparatus and the information related to the first apparatus is registered in said first database, in response to a transmission from the second apparatus; and means for causing the computer to control registration of information to and deletion of information from said first database and said second database.

22. The computer-readable storage medium as claimed in claim 21, further comprising:

means for causing the computer to delete the information related to the first apparatus from said first database and/or said second database when a request to delete the information related to the first apparatus is received with respect to said first database and/or said second database, in response to the transmission from the second apparatus.

23. The computer-readable storage medium as claimed in any of one of claims 16 to 22, wherein said program forms a portion of a control program or an operating system of the information processing apparatus.